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TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, TW

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: TAIPEI 1198

1. AT A SECOND SESSION WITH MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-KAI (THIS TIME AT HIS INVITATION FOR BREAKFAST, MARCH 11), HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH PREMIER CHIANG MY EARLIER COMMENTS TO HIM ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. HE SAID PREMIER FULLY UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND HAD CIRCULATED ORDERS TO ALL PERTINENT AGENCIES THAT INFORMATION REQUESTED BY EMBASSY OF MOFA SHOULD BE PROVIDED PROMPTLY.

2. THIS LED TO DISCUSSION IN WHICH CHOU SUGGESTED THERE MAY BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ON OUR PART ABOUT CHINESE LEGAL PROCEDURES; FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT MARTIAL LAW HAS NOT BEEN INVOKED HERE AT ANY TIME IN RECENT YEARS AND WOULD BE RESORTED TO ONLY IN SUCH CASES AS WIDESPREAD DISORDERS. SEDITION UNDER CIVIL LAW IS THE CHARGE IN A NUMBER OF THE CASES IN WHICH WE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST. I POINTED OUT NEVERTHELESS IN SOME SUCH CASES, FOR EXAMPLE THE WANG CASE, TRIAL TOOK PLACE IN A MILITARY COURT. CHOU ACKNOWLEDGED THIS SAYING THAT THIS PRACTICE GREW OUT OF DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED

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IN CIVIL COURTS WHERE HANDLING MUCH TOO SLOW AND INEFFECTIVE AND MAINTENANCE LOCAL LAW AND ORDER THREATENED; HE CITED RASH OF DAYLIGHT ARMED ROBBERIES SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

3. WE AGREED THAT POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH MOFA TO GET ANSWER TO OUR INQUIRIES ON CASES MENTIONED REFTEL AND ALSO TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF

LEGAL STRUCTURE AND PRACTICES PERTINENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS TYPE  
QUESTIONS.

4. ON THIS OCCASION I ALSO GAVE CHOU COPY OF REPORT DEPARTMENT  
HAS SUBMITTED TO HUMPHREY SUB-COMMITTEE (STATE 53199) AND SAID  
I THOUGHT IT QUITE POSSIBLE THIS ALONG WITH REPORTS ON OTHER  
COUNTRIES WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
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